



## SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM

*Robert F. Trumbo & Philip H. Trumbo*

**W**e hereby certify that this farm has achieved Sesquicentennial Farm status by remaining in the same family of lineal descendants 150 years or more. The farm has become an enduring testimonial to Illinois' rich agricultural heritage. The Sesquicentennial Farm Program recognizes the pride and determination of the generations who have labored to maintain this farm as an integral part of Illinois agriculture.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007

*Rod R. Blagojevich*  
Governor

*Charles J. Gendron*  
Director of Agriculture

**TIMOTHY J. CREEDON III**

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March 15, 2007

Illinois Sesquicentennial Farms Program  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Marketing and Promotion  
State Fairgrounds PO. Box 19281  
Springfield, IL 62794-9281

RE: Trumbo Farms

Gentlemen/Ladies,

I take great pride in submitting a Sesquicentennial Farm Application for Trumbo Farms, Rutland Township, LaSalle County, Illinois.

Robert F. Trumbo and Philip H. Trumbo are the current owners/operators of the Trumbo Farm.

Based upon LaSalle County Recorder records (documented by the LaSalle County Recorder, Thomas Lyons and the undersigned), it appears that the original homestead was first settled in 1830 with ultimate recordings in 1840's and thereafter additional acreage up to 1870's.

In addition to the application forms, we further submit the only known record transfer of the real estate that being a recorded document of April 6, 1927 from the applicants' grandfather to their father. Robert and Phillip advise that John F. Trumbo, grandfather, deeded this and other real estate to family members before his death. It is for this reason that LaSalle County Recorder, Thomas Lyons, opines that there has been no other transfer of real estate other than by inheritance.

In addition to said deed, newspaper clippings from the then local newspaper, The Daily Republican Times, dated April 23, 1931 and September 17, 1932 give brief glimpses into the family's history.

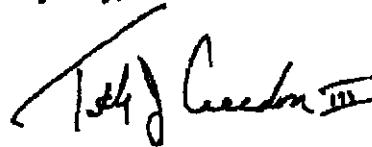
It is very interesting to note that the early settlers in effect may have been "running off the Indians" at the time they settled in Rutland Township.

Both Recorder Lyons and I opine that the Trumbo Farm may in fact be the oldest continuously farmed farm in LaSalle County!

If you need any additional information with regard to this application please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Robert Trumbo.

Thank you.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Creedon III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Timothy J. Creedon III

TJC/sa  
cc: Robert Trumbo



# SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION



Name(s) of Present Owner: Robert F. Trumbo + Philip H. Trumbo  
 Address: 3113 N. RT 71 3121 N. RT. 71 OTTAWA IL 61350  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address / Location of Sesquicentennial Farm: 3121 N. RT 71 OTTAWA IL 61350  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township Name: RUTLAND County: LA SALLE  
 Original Purchase Date: 1830 + 1871 Original Acreage: 400<sup>+</sup> Present Acreage: 400<sup>+</sup>  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate: See above  
 Legal description of land (From deed or abstract): see deed

List all owners, beginning with original family owner and continuing to present owner:

Date	Name(s)	Relationship to Present Owner
<u>1830</u>	<u>MATHIAS TRUMBO</u>	
	<u>ELIAS TRUMBO</u>	
	<u>John F. TRUMBO</u>	
<u>1927-1946</u>	<u>John FRANKLIN TRUMBO</u>	
<u>94% to PRESENT</u>	<u>Robert + Philip Trumbo</u>	

The above information is true and correct as attested to by the accompanying legal document — the verification page.

Robert F. Trumbo + Philip H. Trumbo 3-15-07  
 Signature of Applicant Date

To whom should the Department address its correspondence, sign and certificate?

Name: ROBERT F. TRUMBO  
 Address: 3113 N. RT 71 City: OTTAWA State: IL Zip: 61350  
 Phone: 1-815-434-0674 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This state agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under 20 ILCS 205/40.7. Failure to provide this information may prevent this form from being processed. This form has been approved by the State Forms Management Center. IL408-1994

## ORIGINAL OWNER INFORMATION

The information requested on this page concerns the original owner within your family and is not required to receive the Sesquicentennial Farm marker, however, it is to be completed to give valuable information to the Department of Agriculture and future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it. Also, copies of any old farm accounts, records or diaries you may have can be included.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Some homesteaded, State of Illinois, El + Mich Canal Trustees
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Assembled into 400+ Acres
3. What was the cost of the land per acre? \$4, \$5, \$6.25, \$20
4. Where was the first owner born? Virginia + Ohio
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? see 4
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. What improvements did he make? HOUSE AND BARN
9. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No
10. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original building still standing or in use? No
11. When was the present home built? 1966
12. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN AND BEANS  
CATTLE

Please send to: Sesquicentennial Farms Program  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Marketing and Promotion  
State Fairgrounds, P. O. Box 19281  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9281



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Date Certified:		Certified by:	
		Check Number:	



## SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM VERIFICATION



I, Thomas E. Lyons

a member of the Illinois Land Title Association (or a recognized title searcher) do hereby certify that I have searched the records and found the farm originally owned by

Abraham & Elias Trumbo

legally described as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

now presently owned by Robert & Philip Trumbo  
(Present Owner)

to have been in the same family of lineal descendants for 150 years or more and that

\_\_\_\_\_

is a lineal or collateral descendant of the original owner in a line of lineal descendancy.

Thomas E. Lyons  
Signature

LaSalle County Recorder  
Name of Title Company

707 E Elm Rd Ottawa, IL 61350  
Address, City, State, Zip

815-434-3073  
Phone Number

Seal



## SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM VERIFICATION



I, TIMOTHY J. CREEDON III

a member of the Illinois Land Title Association (or a recognized title searcher) do hereby certify that I have searched the records and found the farm originally owned by

Abraham Trumbo Elias Trumbo Mathias Trumbo

legally described as see attached deed

now presently owned by Robert F. Trumbo AND PHILIP H. Trumbo  
Present Owner

to have been in the same family of lineal descendants for 150 years or more and that

they both

<sup>are</sup>  
~~is~~ a lineal or collateral descendants of the original owner in a line of lineal  
descendancy.

Timothy J. Creedon III  
Signature

MEMBER ATTORNEYS TITLE GUARANTY INC  
Name of Title Company

501 STATE OTTAWA IL 61350  
Address, City, State, Zip

815 433 4774  
Phone Number

Seal





# List of Early Settlers Who Took Refuge in Fort Johnston in 1832 Compiled by Centennial Committee

The site of old Fort Johnston, on the south bluff in Ottawa, overlooking the union of the Fox and Illinois rivers, will be marked this summer by a boulder, to be erected by Illinois chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

So far as it can be accurately determined, the site of the fort was on West Prospect avenue, near a spot where there is still a small depression in the ground, said to have been the place where the spring in the fort was located.

Fort Johnston was a hastily selected stockade, thrown up by the settlers who lived in Ottawa at that time and who were alarmed by the Black Hawk war in the Northwest.

It was named for Lieutenant Albert S. Johnston, then a young lieutenant attached to the staff of General Atkinson, who was in charge of the Northwest Illinois in the Black Hawk war.

Across the Illinois river, on the boat club dam, stands a small building erected to the memory of the Abraham Lincoln by the Illinois chapter of the D. A. R.

This marks the spot where he was mustered out of the service in the Black Hawk war, May 27 or 28, 1832.

Through the efforts of Mrs. F. M. Strawn, Miss Mand Green, Mrs. L. G. Chapman, Mrs. Hale Francis, Miss Flora Cullen and Mrs. C. H. Tuttle, a list of settlers who took refuge in Fort Johnston in May, 1832, has been prepared.

People who have knowledge of other pioneers who took refuge in the fort and whose names may have been inadvertently overlooked in the compiling of the list are asked to get in touch with the La Salle County Centennial committee or with members of Illinois Chapter, D. A. R., so that their names may also be listed.

So far as known, the complete list of people who sought refuge in the fort is as follows:

Joseph Green, 2 and Rebecca Green, 2 years old.

David Shaver and wife, Nancy Grove Shaver, Susan Shaver, Harvey Shaver, David, Harrison, Josiah, Rebecca, Jackson, Barbara, Nancy and Catherine Shaver.

William Parr and wife, Sally Trumbo Parr, and their infant son, Henry K. Parr, 17 months old, the first male white child born north of the Illinois river in La Salle county.

Several unmarried men also made the fort a place of refuge at that time and among them were Jacob Kline, Samuel Grove, Joseph Grove, Alexander McCreary and a man named Schenckhorn.

Jonathan Daniels and wife, Mary Channel Daniels, and their children, the Daniels.

Eliza Strawn Armstrong and her seven sons came to La Salle county in 1832 and some of them are known to have fled to the fort when the threat of Indian uprisings became ominous. Joel W. Armstrong, the fourth son, served as a teamster in the Black Hawk war while George W. Armstrong and William Armstrong were mounted volunteers in the same conflict.

Abraham Trumbo and wife Elizabeth Trumbo, Jane Margaret, Ambrose, Rebecca D. Trumbo and William J. Trumbo.

Joseph Kilber and wife, Jonathan Kilber, Mary Kilber, Margaret Kilber.

Aaron Daniels and wife, Elmer Daniels, Edward Sanders and wife, Benjamin Fleming and wife, David Grove and wife and Houser Grove, Elizabeth Grove and Katherine Grove.

Daniels Stadden, Mary Stadden, Jonathan Stadden.

Reason DeBolt and wife, Emma Grove DeBolt, Barbara and Lavina DeBolt, three and one year old child.

Henry Brumback and wife, Elizabeth Pitzer Brumback.

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OKLAHOMA CITY. Third term criminals of unsound mind will be sterilized to prevent of their kind, unenacted into law by the Gov. W. H. Murray.

Under the provisions, drawn by Dr. J. Stillwater, men less old and women less old will be subjected to sterilization process. How appeal to the courts.

The state board of controls state hospital will have charge of sterilization. Those law would first be given before medical would pass on their sterilization is not but a protection. Gov said after signing the humane measure for ease of all.

WISCONSIN ALBANY, Wis., A Wisconsin assembly advanced to final passage bill to permit sterilize minded persons in state and others with influences. The vote was 40-10.

The vote ended and against the bill by all parts of the state taken by many object many persons would be new law who later stated normal as the would be unjust to the

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John Green and wife, Barbara Grove Green, Eliza Green; (married) William Dunstan before the Black Hawk war, Nancy Green, 16; Jesse Green, 15; David Green, 13; Catherine Green, 10; Rachel Green, 6.

## What's Become Of Ex-Ottawans!

**INFORMATION WANTED FOR DIRECTORY.**

Names of former Ottawa residents.

Present occupations.

How long since they left Ottawa.

If married woman, her maiden name.

Their present addresses.

Information for a Centennial Directory of former Ottawa residents, which is now being compiled by the Republican-Times, should be supplied, if possible, by May 1, so there will be ample time to get the list in alphabetical order and make necessary revision and corrections.

Since publication of the last list of names, the following information has been received concerning ex-Ottawans:

Friesch—Charles M., 2319 West Monroe street, Chicago; motorman on Chicago surface lines; left Ottawa 27 years ago.

Bernard—Edward W., 1620, South Flower street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Easten—John E., 302 South La Salle street, Chicago, now engaged in the grain business; left Ottawa 25 years ago.

Marshall—Mrs. Alice V. (nee Alice Easten) 1110 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill., left Ottawa 27 years ago.

Holmes—Mr. and Mrs. William (nee Elizabeth McCombs) Warsaw, Minn.; left Ottawa 25 years ago.

Holmes—Mr. and Mrs. Bert (nee

Grove and wife and Houser Grove. Elizabeth Grove and Kather Grove.

Daniels-Stadden, Mary Stadden, Jonathan Stadden.

Reason DeBolt and wife, Emma Grove DeBolt, Barbara and Lavina DeBolt, three and one year old child.

Henry Brumback and wife Elizabeth Pitzer Brumback, William Brumback of Ohio, and Eliza Brumback, the first white child born in Holland township.

Mathias Trumbo and wife, Rebecca Grove Trumbo, John Trumbo, 13; Lavina, 12; Isabella, 10; Elias and Eliza, twins, 6 years old, and Barbara, a baby two years old.

Mrs. Anna Pitzer, of Licking county, Ohio, widowed sister of John Green. She was a woman of surpassing courage, whose efforts to protect the tiny fort excited that of many men.

William Pitzer and wife, Anthony Pitzer, James Pitzer, Jesse Pitzer, Jacob Pitzer, Sarah Ann Pitzer, Alvah Pitzer.

Robert Beresford and wife, James Beresford, 12, John, 15; Lavina, 4 and Mary Ann Beresford, John and James were soldiers in the company of Captain George McFadden, during the war and James was killed by skulking Indians north of Ottawa, along Indian creek.

David Letts and wife, Elizabeth Letts (widow of a man named Dunavan) and the stepsons of David Letts, William, George and Albert Dunavan, N. M. Letts, Noah Letts, James Letts, Rhoda Ann Letts, Amanda Letts.

John Hogaboom and wife and Abigail Hogaboom, James Galloway and four children, David Walker and five daughters, David Walker Jr., George Walker, Theo. Covel who operated a mill on Covel creek south of Ottawa, Mary Reynolds Joseph Cloud, Hazelton and family Thomas Henderson, Ezekiel Warren and Daniel Warren, who were corporals in the war.

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Mrs. Mary

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April 22, ak of Chica.

**FRESH FISH**

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